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Behaviour On School Bus

The driver is responsible for the safe operation of the school bus and requires the support of parents, students and the school.

The principal has the authority to suspend students from riding the school bus. Any behaviour which could endanger safety on the school bus is unacceptable. Examples are:

- Failure to follow drivers' instructions
- Possession or use of drugs or alcohol
- Failure to stay seated
- Fighting or rudeness of any kind
- throwing objects or littering
- vandalism
- putting arms or head out the window
- profanity
- Use of anything (e.g. hair spray) which may cause allergic reactions in some children
- Eating will be allowed on the buses only with the permission of the bus driver. The students will be responsible for keeping the bus free from garbage.

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Dealing With Behaviour Problems

1st Infraction: Driver warns student, records details, and shall report to the Principal

2nd Infraction: Warning is repeated and recorded. Principal is informed and takes appropriate action and may inform parents/guardians

3rd Infraction: Driver informs Principal, records details. Principal takes appropriate action and informs parents/guardians.

The student's bus riding privilege may be suspended at any time.

Should a problem arise on a school bus, where the driver feels that it is unsafe to continue, the driver will contact the Division Garage by radio and the parents would be asked to pick up this child from the bus. The Principal would be informed as soon as possible.

Parental Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians are responsible for:

1. Helping train the children in acceptable and safe behaviour.
2. Seeing that their children get to the pickup point on time and behave in a responsible manner at the bus stop.
3. Co-operating with the school on disciplining their child following reports of misbehaviour on the bus.
4. Ensuring that children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes, and taking special care during very cold weather to ensure that students are properly cared for until the bus arrives.
5. Providing, where possible, some type of protection at the end of a long lane for children while waiting for the bus.

Student Responsibilities

1. Getting to the bus stop on time.
2. Behaving in a responsible manner at the bus stop, on the bus, and during loading and unloading.
3. Following instructions of the driver.